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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, NO
SUBJECT: CRITICISM FROM SIKORSKY HELICOPTER CRASH

REF: OSLO 3124

1. LOSS OF A NORWEGIAN OPERATOR'S SIKORSKY SEA KING HELICOPTER
OFF THE NORWEGIAN COAST ON JUNE 28, RESULTING IN 18 DEATHS (REFTEL),
HAS LED TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES CRITICAL OF FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRA
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TION AND SIKORSKY COMPANY. GIST HAS BEEN THAT NEITHER FAA NOR SIKORSKY

WERE SUFFICIENTLY FORTHCOMING IN REPORTING TO NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES
ABOUT PREVIOUS ACCIDENTS WITH SAME TYPE CRAFT. ONE STORY REPORTED
NORWEGIAN CAA (CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION) OFFICIAL INDICATING
DISSATISFACTION WITH FAA AND SAYING THAT CAA WOULD GET IN CONTACT
WITH FAA THAT DAY (JULY 18) ABOUT THE CASE.

2. EMBASSY CONTACTED CAA DEPUTY DIRECTOR KROGSAETER WHO APOLIGIZED
FOR HIS SUBORDINATE'S STATEMENTS TO PRESS AND SAID THEY HAD NOT BEEN
CLEARED AND DEFINITELY DID NOT REFLECT CAA'S EXCELLENT RELATIONS
WITH FAA. CAA MIGHT CONTACT FAA ABOUT CASE BUT HAD NOT YET MADE
THAT DECISION. EMBASSY ASSURED KROGSAETER THAT EMBASSY
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AND FAA WOULD WANT TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

3. NEWSPAPER CRITICISM OF FAA WAS REFUTED SUBSEQUENTLY BY
PRESS STATEMENT FROM LT. GEN. WILHELM MOHR. CHAIRMAN OF THE
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMISSION WHO SAID THAT HIS COMMISSION
HAS HAD NOT PROBLEMS WITH US AVIATION AUTHORITIES.

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4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT IF CAA DECIDES TO CONTACT FAA
OUTSIDE NORMAL ACCIDENT-REPORTING CHANNELS.
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